

To:

Chairman Kuipers  
Vice Chair Cropsey

Senate Judiciary Committee Members;

I am writing to ask that Senate Bill 747, a bill to correct deficiencies in Michigan's current regulations concerning personal protection, be reported out of committee with favorable recommendation to the full Senate at the earliest possible convenience. It is my understanding that this bill may be considered in committee as early as Tuesday, 8 December 2009.

This important legislation clarifies an extensive "gray area" that was not foreseen in the original legislation. Currently, as the original legislation reads, there are many areas in my own community where it is somewhat vague as to whether or not a person may carry personal protective equipment in accordance with the Constitution of Michigan 1963, Section 6, or not.

Where city streets and highways traverse a university or college campus, both the law-abiding citizen and the law enforcement officer are placed in a very difficult situation. This should not be the case. Michigan already takes every necessary step to assure that the exercise of this important civil right is done in a lawful manner. Citizens who take this civil right and responsibilities pertaining thereto are, and should be, considered by most law enforcement personnel to be some of the most upstanding and dependable citizens living in this great state. This important legislation will recognize this, and make the necessary corrections to the original legislation.

Thank you

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